



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 1616  
JORGENSEN, Rolf Jess ) Examiner: LEVY, N.  
Serial No.: 09/527,680 ) Washington, D.C.  
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For: A METHOD OF PREVENTING ) Docket No.: JORGENSEN=2  
PARTURIENT HYPOCALCEMIA )  
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In response to the final rejection mailed October 23, 2002,  
please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 16, 17, 21, 23, 33 and 34.

Please rewrite claim 14 to read as follows:

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14 (thrice amended). A composition for preventing parturient hypocalcemia in an animal, comprising, in a suitable form for peroral administration, at least one calcium-binding compound which reduces the absorption of calcium from the drinking water and/or from the ration of said animal, said compound being selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, sodium oxalate, phytic acid, a phytate, a clay mineral, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) and its sodium salts Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA and Na<sub>4</sub>EDTA trisodium nitrilotriacetate monohydrate, trisodium nitriloacetate, pentasodium diethylenetriaminepentaacetate, trisodium N-hydroxyethyl-ethylenediaminetriacetate, citric acid, a citrate, a polyphosphate, a tripolyphosphate, an orthophosphate and a cellulose phosphate wherein the compound is encapsulated by a

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